Data regarding export performance vis-a-vis the targets is as under :—

Year	Export (Mn Kgs) Targets	Achievement
1990-91	210*	199.16
1991-92	210	210.39
1992-93	210	150.52 (April-Jan 1993)

*For the Calendar year 1990

(c) and (d) The Consultative Committee of Plantation Associations organised a Tea Convention during January, 1993. The convention reiterated India's commitment as a stable and reliable supplier of tea in the world market. It also expressed confidence in achieving the production target of 1000 Million Kilos for India by the turn of the century. The need for maintaining and improving the quality profile of Indian Tea was also emphasised.

The Government is conscious of the need to step up production of tea in India to cater to the increasing domestic demand and generate sufficient exportable surplus. Keeping in this in view a perspective plan to increase tea production to 1000 Million Kgs by 2000 AD has been drawn up by the Tea Board.

(e) Government has been encouraging diversification of tea export by sponsoring industry delegation to various countries. Trade protocols have also been entered into with some of the CIS countries including Russia. Other countries are being persuaded to by higher quantities of Indian tea indicating them the price competitive ness and quality of our tea.

Failure to meet Export Obligation by Exporters

3307. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 10,000 exporters have been served with show-cause notices (under the Advance Licensing Scheme) for failure to meet export obligations;

(b) what is the number of such exporters who have been declared defaulters;

(c) whether it is also a fact that more than 100 parties with foreign collaboration approvals, have been served with show cause notices for failure to meet their export obligations; and

(d) if so, whether in view of the chronic abuse of this Advance Licensing Scheme (for import of duty free raw materials) the Government would scrap the said Scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Advance licences are issued for importing, duty free, raw material, components, parts etc. which are necessary for manufacture of the export product. These licenses also impose export obligations which the licence holders have to discharge within specified period. Issue of these licences, imposition of export obligations, monitoring fulfillment of these obligations is a continuous process. Various Port Offices of the DGFT Organisation have been entrusted with this work. Whenever exporters fail in submitting documentary evidence regarding exports made, export proceeds realised, export obligations discharged, etc., show cause notices are issued. According to a preliminary assessment, such show cause notices have been issued in only about 6.14% cases (In 3020 cases out of 49248 cases examined). In addition in about 1.5% cases, exporters have been declared defaulters and in another about 1.5% cases enforcement action has been initiated against the exporters.

(c) In respect of foreign collaboration approval cases, show cause notices have been issued to 89 companies. Replies received from these Companies are under examination.

(d) Advance Licensing Scheme is an important instrument in promoting exports as it helps the exporters in securing imported inputs duty free for manufacture of their export products and thus in becoming more competitive in the International Market. The Scheme has become very popular which is reflected by the upward trend in the receipt of applications for such licences, quantum of export obligations imposed. As already stated the defaults have not been alarming and no chronic abuse of the Scheme has been detected. The Scheme is continuing.

High Duty imposed by Russia on Indian made Foreign Liquor

3308. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that Russia has slapped a discriminatory 60 per cent duty on Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) from India adversely affecting the plans of IMFL exporters, despite India enjoying the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status with Russia;

(b) what is the Import duty imposed on IMFL imported into Russia from Non-MFNs (Non-Most Favoured Nations); and

(c) what is Indian Government's reaction to this discrimination in trade relations followed by Russia ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) The import duty in the Russian Federation consists of basic Customs duty, excise duty and advalorem which is at a uniform rate of 20% of the value of goods inclusive of Customs duty and excise duty. There is no discrimination against Indian goods in Russia. India apart from being one of the Most Favoured Nations (MFNs) also belongs to the category of developing countries as per Russian regulations and hence the basic Customs duty for Indian goods is half of the duty payable by MFNs. As regards excise duty and advalorem, there are no separate rates for either on the basis of the MFNo or non-FMN or developing/ developed country status.

(c) Does not arise.

Trade between India and Israel

3309. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the quantum of trade between India and Israel at present; and

(b) what steps have been taken/proposed to be taken by Government to boost Indo-Israel trade in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) During April- November, 1992 India's exports to Israel were Rs. 136.29 crores and India's imports from Israel amounted to Rs. 227.54 crores.

(b) Consequent on the establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel, Government has decided to normalise trade with Israel, subject to prevailing regulations about inter-action generally with foreign countries. In pursuance of this decision, inter-action between business enterprises of the two countries has already commenced.

Export of Iron Ore

3310. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of country-wise export of Iron ore from India during the current financial year;

(b) the targets fixed for the current year and the achievements likely to be made;

(c) what is India's place in the international iron ore market;